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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above identified application, please amend as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 1 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add the following new claims:

--15. An array of nucleic acids comprising a solid support having a plurality of regions,

each region comprising an electrode comprising a self-assembled mixed monolayer
comprising:

a) blocking moieties, having a first end attached to said electrode, wherein
said blocking moieties shield nucleic acids from said electrode; and

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